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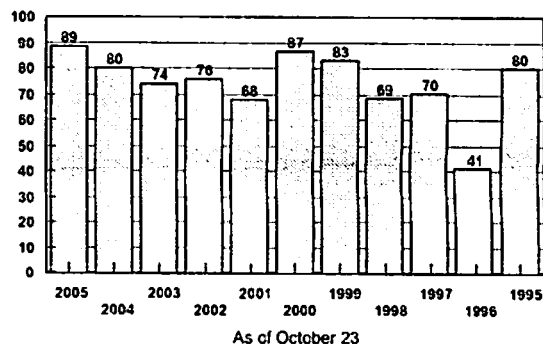
Agricultural Summary

Warm temperatures coupled with a little rain last week allowed Illinois farmers 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Harvest activities progressed rapidly until rain showers fell late in the week. The weather has been conducive to harvest as corn and soybean harvest progress is well ahead of last year and the five-year average. Illinois corn harvest has not progressed at this rate since 1991 when 96 percent was harvested. The last time soybeans harvested surpassed this level was in 1997 when 93 percent was harvested. The dry, hard soil is making fall tillage activities difficult. Topsoil moisture improved slightly to 18 percent very short, 32 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Corn harvest was 89 percent complete, compared to 80 percent last year and 77 percent five-year average. Soybean harvest was 93 percent complete, compared to 81 percent last year and 83 percent five-year average. Sorghum harvest progressed to 79 percent complete, compared to 78 percent last year and 72 percent five-year average. Winter wheat was 92 percent seeded, compared to 60 percent last year, and 72 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat was 62 percent emerged, compared to 35 percent last year, and 43 percent five-year average. Pasture conditions were rated 15 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 26 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. In addition to harvest activities, farmers were hauling grain, applying anhydrous, lime, nitrogen, and fertilizer, as well as tilling ground, planting wheat, baling corn stalks, and caring for livestock.

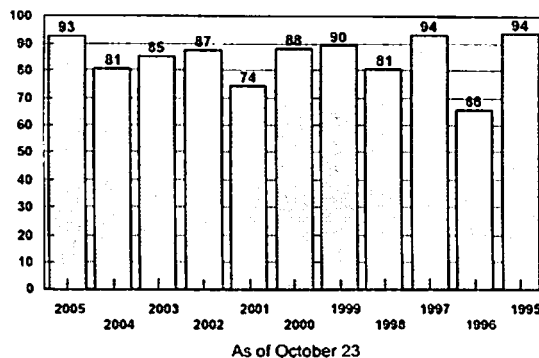
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 2005	: 2004	: 5-Year Average
October 23			
CORN:			
Harvested	89	80	77
SOYBEANS:			
Harvested	93	81	83
SORGHUM:			
Harvested	79	78	72
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	92	60	72
Emerged	62	35	43

Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois



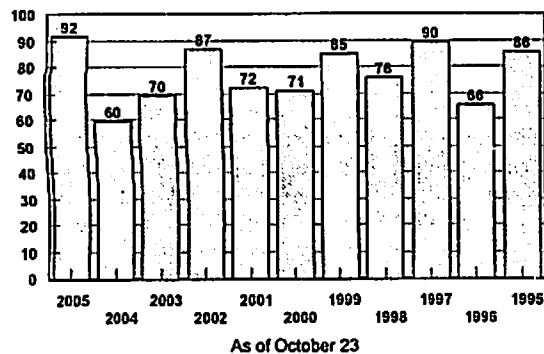
Soybeans - Percent Harvested
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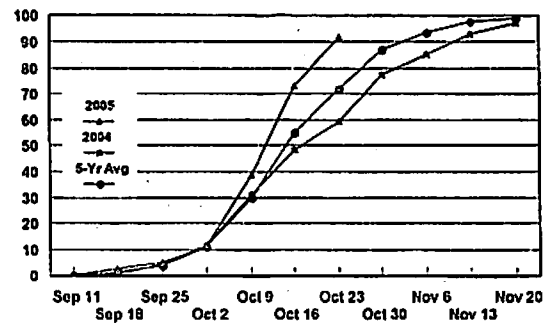
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable	:	Topsoil Moisture			
	: for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus	
	October 17 - 23		October 23			
Northwest	5.9	15	38	47	-	
Northeast	6.2	53	44	3	-	
West	5.5	17	26	55	2	
Central	4.7	18	36	46	-	
East	4.9	17	29	51	3	
W Southwest	4.6	28	16	55	1	
E Southeast	4.9	9	34	56	1	
Southwest	5.0	-	19	80	1	
Southeast	5.0	-	34	66	-	
State	5.2	18	32	49	1	

Winter Wheat - Percent Seeded
Illinois



Winter Wheat - Percent Seeded
Illinois



Crop Conditions

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
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	October 23				
Pasture	15	20	38	26	1
Winter Wheat	-	-	21	66	13

Crop Progress by Districts

District	Corn		Winter Wheat		Soybeans	
	Harvested		Planted		Harvested	
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	October 23					
Northwest	79		95		94	
Northeast	73		88		97	
West	86		94		91	
Central	97		96		97	
East	93		87		98	
W Southwest	96		81		90	
E Southeast	92		93		93	
Southwest	94		93		82	
Southeast	94		98		88	

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation
October 17 - 23				
Northwest:				
Freeport	76	31	3	0.05
Kewanee	78	34	3	0.60
Moline	81	34	6	0.12
Mount Carroll	78	25	2	0.09
Paw Paw	76	29	5	0.04
Rochelle	75	27	2	0.05
Rockford	75	27	4	0.08
Northeast:				
Aurora	77	24	2	0.07
Chicago	75	32	3	0.13
Lake Villa	71	34	2	0.06
McHenry	71	29	-2	0.09
Morris	78	31	4	0.19
Ottawa	79	34	3	0.23
Park Forest	75	32	1	0.13
West:				
Galesburg	78	34	4	0.85
Prairie City	80	36	5	0.71
Quincy	80	40	5	1.29
Central:				
Bloomington	79	36	1	0.69
Decatur	81	37	3	1.57
Havana	85	35	3	0.66
Lincoln	84	36	4	1.50
Peoria	80	36	5	0.98
East:				
Champaign	81	33	3	0.56
Pontiac	79	33	3	0.54
West Southwest:				
Carlinville	81	40	3	2.22
Morrisonville	82	38	3	1.35
Springfield	83	37	4	1.90
East Southeast:				
Effingham	82	37	3	0.87
Flora	83	40	4	0.75
Hutsonville	83	38	4	1.68
Iuka	82	39	4	1.12
Newton	81	40	5	1.22
Paris	76	37	0	1.51
Windsor	78	36	1	2.44
Southwest:				
Carbondale	89	38	6	0.92
Lebanon	85	40	4	1.24
Steeleville	85	31	2	0.83
Southeast:				
Benton	85	40	4	0.78
Grayville	88	41	3	1.00
Mt Vernon	82	40	4	0.69

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

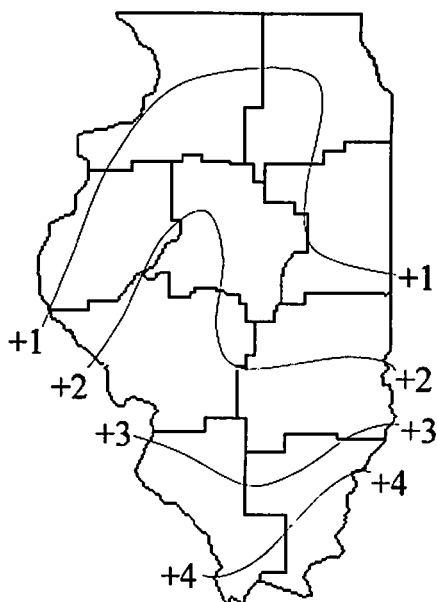
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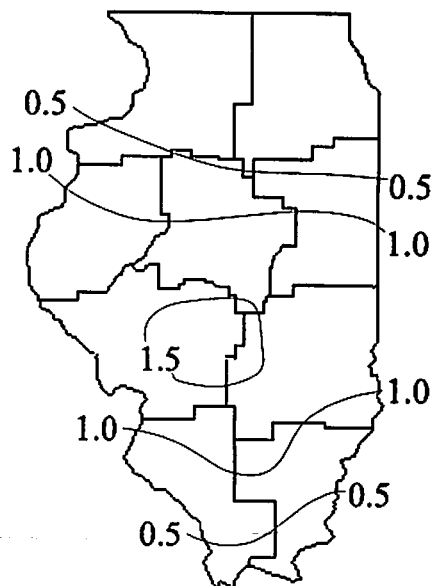
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Temperature (°F) Departure
October 17 - 23



Precipitation (in.) Total
October 17 - 23

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